Increasing the number of Telephone Exchanges in Bihar

394. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the present strength of telephone Exchanges and their capacities are in sufficient for big State like Bihar;

(b) if so, what are the details of telephone exchanges in Bihar, their capacities and the actual requirement of telephones in the State;

(c) whether Government propose to increase the number of telephone exchanges in the State; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As on 31-3-1993 there were 636 telephone exchanges with equipped capacity of 214930 lines, 166059 working telephone connections and 49690 as the waiting list for telephone connections.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) It is proposed to open about 94 new telephone exchanges in Bihar during 1993-94. The details are given in Statement.

Statement

The Names of the places in Bihar where Telephone Exchanges are proposed to be opened during 1993-94

S. No.	Name of places
1.	Fatehpur
2.	Dobhi
3.	Kurtha
4.	*Deo
5.	Guna
6.	Sheoganj
7.	Kawakoi
8.	Akbarpur
9.	*Mukdumpur
10.	Ghosi
11.	Konch
12.	Kaler
13.	Siris
14.	Bandhuganj
15.	Goelkera
16.	Bhojodih
17.	B.T.P.S.
18.	Chanch
19.	Kashmar
20.	Maharaj Ganj
21.	Deoli
22	Rahua Tulsiahi*
23.	Narpat Ganj
24.	Muradpur*
25.	Jorpa
26.	Jamara
27.	Bero
28	Sonahatu
29.	Chatti
30.	Netarhat
31.	Raidih
32.	Senho
33.	Pithoria
34.	Basia
35.	Ramgar (Dumka)
36.	Ramgar Lakhisarai
37.	Dighi
38.	Kalajore
39.	Bhikhanpur
40.	Sarwan
41.	Chandan
42.	Mohanpur
43.	*Naraini
44.	Gangli
45.	Halsi

S. No.	Name of places
46.	Baria
47.	Maharajpur
48.	Kotalpahar
49.	Chira
50.	Chouka
51.	Barisoi
52.	Narwapahar
53.	Donguaposhi
54.	Bandh goon
55.	Pandrasali
56.	Hatgmaria
57.	Rajnagar
58.	Nimidi
59.	Kalikapur
60.	Baram
61.	Ichagarh
62.	Manasmuria
63.	Sampatchak
64.	Khagaul Rural
65.	Biud
66.	Katri Sarai
67.	Goraor
68.	Dumrama
69.	Jogipur
70.	Kanhaipur
71.	Jantnagar
72.	Pannal
73.	Gaurichak
74.	*Surda
75.	*Gandey
76.	*Jillayadam
77.	*Rangraj
78.	*Champapur
79.	*Baruna
80.	*Seosagar
81.	*Baghat
82.	*Hinoo
83.	*Pandra
84.	*Saraigarh
85.	*Musrigarahi
86.	*Basithat
87.	*Dang (Deng)
88.	*Durgawati
89.	*Balumath
90.	*Kothia
91.	*Sonbarsha
92.	*Gandhawar
93.	*Chirayya
94.	Alamnagar.

N.B. The places where telephone exchanges have been opened upto October, 1993 are marked.*

Speed Post Service in Gujarat and Maharashtra

395. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the new centres of Gujarat and Maharashtra which are linked with National Speed Post Net Work within 500 k.m. and beyond in the next fixed point chart-I (CB);

(b) whether Government propose to appoint Private Representatives of speed post on commission basis, particularly, widows, handicapped, SC/ST and unemployed in view of the self employed programme;

(c) whether reply speed post service is under consideration of Government to boost speed post services in the country;

(d) if so, what are the district-wise details thereof; and

(e) what is the progress made by speed post in comparision to other private courrier services in the State of Gujarat and Maharashtra?